

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A lamp mounting apparatus, comprising:

an outer panel member mounted on a frame member of a vehicle and defining a part of an outer surface of the vehicle;

a lamp unit disposed adjacent to said outer panel member;

a positioning projection protruding from one of said outer panel member and said lamp unit;

a positioning opening formed in the other one of said outer panel member and said lamp unit, said positioning hole adapted to receive said positioning projection;

positioning abutment parts provided in said lamp unit and said outer panel member, and said positioning abutment parts abut one another when said positioning projection has been inserted into said positioning hole, to thereby position said lamp unit at a predetermined location along a protruding direction of said positioning projection;

a first temporal fastening member protruding from one of said lamp unit and said frame member, and having a plurality of engaged parts formed along the protruding direction of said positioning projection; and

a second temporal fastening member provided in the other one of said lamp unit and said frame member, and having an engaging part adapted to engage with said engaged parts provided in said first temporal fastening member.

2. (Previously Presented) The lamp mounting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first temporal fastening member is a shaft-like member having a plurality of

projections formed on an outer circumference thereof in a manner extending along a circumferential direction thereof.

3. (Previously Presented) The lamp mounting apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said second temporal fastening member includes an annular member having engaging parts adapted to engage with said projections of said first temporal fastening member, said engaging parts being formed on an inner circumferential surface of said second temporal fastening member.

4. (Currently Amended) The lamp mounting apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said positioning projection is tapered toward a tip thereof, and said annular member is formed with an ~~inclined surface~~ inclined surface in an opening thereof, into which said shaft-like member is inserted, to guide said shaft-like member from the outer circumference toward the center of the opening.

5. (Currently Amended) The lamp mounting apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the engaged ~~part~~ parts of the first temporal fastening member and the engaged part of the second temporal fastening member includes two parts which oppose each other.

6. (Previously Presented) The lamp apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the second temporal fastening member is a clip.

7. (Previously Presented) The lamp mounting apparatus of claim 6 wherein the clip includes a frame part and extending parts.

8. (Previously Presented) The lamp mounting apparatus of claim 7 wherein the frame is rectangular and the extending parts are located at two sides of the frame.

9. (New) The lamp mounting apparatus of claim 1 wherein the engaging parts of the first temporal fastening member extend along a total length of the first temporal fastening member.